



REGULAR MEETING

October 24, 2006

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kim Hoagland at 9:03 a.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Present: Commissioners

Ed Jenich, Houghton County Board
Kim Hoagland, At-Large
Sue Dana, Village of Calumet
Bob Langseth, Calumet Township
Steve Albee, At-Large
Clyde Raasio, Quincy and Franklin Townships
Al Johnson, State of Michigan

Keweenaw National Historical Park

Frank Fiala, Superintendent
Tom Baker, Management Assistant
Steve DeLong, Landscape Architect
Abby Sue Fisher, Chief of Museum, Archives & Historical Services
Brian Hoduski, Museum Curator
Jo Urion, Historian
John Rosemurgy, Historical Architect
Betsy Rossini, Keweenaw – Isle Royale

Recording Secretary

Melissa Davis

Guests

Cherie Davie, Senator Stabenow's Office
Ed Yarbrough, Quincy Mine Hoist Association
Judy Albee
Jim Lowell, Calumet Theater
Amy Wisti, Congressman Stupak's Office
Ellen Schraeder
Bill Fink
Rod Stuner
Glen Anderson, City Manager, City of Hancock
Lisa Erlo, Hitch Architect
Bruce Johanson, Ontonagon County Historical Society
John Haro, Portage Township
Paul Lehto, Calumet Township
Jill Burkland, Isle Royale Naural History Association
Scott See, Michigan Tech University

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Raasio and seconded by Dana to approve the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Jenich and seconded by Langseth to approve the minutes (with changes) of the August 2006 meeting, to be adjusted by Melissa Davis.

Alan Johnson's absence from the previous meeting was excused.

Motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

V. BUSINESS

A. PARK REPORTS:

1. **FRANK FIALA, Park Superintendent** yielded some time at this point to Amy Wisti, who had to leave early. (Her report is below, in Reports/ Comments from Legislative Staff.) Fiala continued:

- a) **Core Operations Evaluation:** New program at the NPS to look at impact of flat or reduced budgets and the cost of doing business, and how parks can meet these challenges for a five-year period. He thanked AC members who attended and participated. Betsy Rossini did a tremendous amount of work to facilitate.
- b) **Office Move:** from administrative building to temporary location is being worked out. Main Street's Merchants and Miner's building on 5th Street is not yet ready. Hoping to be moved in by January '07.
- c) **Budget: status still unknown**, but hopefully statutory aid funding and project dollars for the park will remain.
- d) **Partnership meeting** attended on Aug. 9; 5 or 6 Cooperating Sites were there and the application submission deadline extended for another thirty days.
- e) **Retirement** plans on Jan. 3, 2007. Served for nine and a half years as Superintendent. Hoagland mentioned there will be a public reception in early January.

2. **ABBY SUE FISHER, Chief of Museum, Archives, and Historical Services** (see Index 1 for details)

- a) **Fire suppression:** is almost finished. Looking at restroom on the first floor and a boiler replacement.
- b) **Annual Report:** will be e-mailed within next few weeks.
- c) **Research Services:** provided to 89 individuals and helped 71 in instances of staff use.

- d) **Fourth Thursday in History:** this week wraps up 2006 series. Will meet soon to start programming 2007 year, dedicating two programs to food, coinciding with “Key Ingredients,” Smithsonian traveling exhibit.
 - e) **Jeremiah Mason** is now full-time permanent staff archivist.
 - f) **Workshop:** Two-day event on “How to Process Archival Collections.”
 - g) **Operational Strategy for Multi-Park Museum Collection Storage Facility:** is prepared. It’s being reviewed and comments are starting to come in. Will be used to get a Collection Management Plan/Value Analysis in order to have that information before deciding on how to merge.
 - h) **Kit Murley:** took a job out of the area and now there is an opening for a Museum Technician position.
 - i) **Stuart Baird** is back from “Experience Works” Program, working 24 hours a week on the collections.
3. **STEVE DELONG, Landscape Architect – Preservation Services Division**
- a) **Quincy Unit Cultural Landscape Report Part 1,** acquired a consultant, Marla Makinen and Quinn.
 - b) **Brockway Mountain Drive:** offered conceptual design assistance.
 - c) **New Signs:** installed in Calumet on US 41 directing people to the Heritage Sites. The colors were from a template from the National Park Service, and Harper’s Ferry Design staff helped with recommendations.
 - d) **Conferences** on transportation in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, and American Society of Landscape Architects Annual meeting in Minneapolis for professional development.
4. **JOHN ROSEMURGY, Historical Architect**
- a) **Library:** facility upgrades to help meet their needs as a research facility: fire suppression and boiler replacement, new restroom and lockers for the reading room area
 - b) **Quincy Mine Office:** ongoing masonry work: both stacks are completed, tuckpointing and masonry repairs are complete. One chimney cap has been installed and another is under fabrication and will be installed.
 - c) **Bill Bose, Representative Project Manager from the Historic Preservation Training Center** in Baltimore, MD will be up in late November to look at feasibility of slate roof repair and some of the woodwork repairs for a spring ’07 project, and looking at the possibility of partnering with the FPS Division to install the slate roof.
 - d) **Park Headquarters Interior Rehab:** Construction drawings are complete. Working with Midwest Regional office to advertise the project and evaluating proposals to secure a contractor. Work should begin winter’07. Interior demolition will be the responsibility of the park.
 - e) **Quincy Company House** stabilization project is nearly complete. Five company houses will have been stabilized.

- f) **Historic Structures Reports** for the library and the Mine Office are under development with Lynn Bjorkman, should be complete winter '07. They are a guiding document for the care and treatment of those historic properties.
 - g) **Design Guidelines for the Historic District of the Village of Calumet** will be ready before '07. It will be a working document using the Secretary of Interior Standard to illustrate the design objectives for work in the district so property owners will have a clear idea of what's expected of them.
 - h) **Assistance to property owners:** storefront rehabs, and tax credit assistance for the Historic Preservation Tax Incentive Program.
 - i) **Seaman Mineral Museum:** securing additional funding to take the project into the next phase.
 - j) **CLG Application:** firmed up and should be complete soon.
 - k) **Old Victoria** working with site manager to submit grant application to the Plum Creek Timber Co. to secure more stabilization and preservation funding.
 - l) **Coppertown:** The shed addition to the pattern storage building roof had a structural failure.
 - m) **Blue Jacket Neighborhood:** working with WUPPDR and SHPO to refine the project scopes to be in alignment with preservation standards.
5. **TOM BAKER, Management Assistant** (see Index 3)
- a) **2006 U.P. Nonprofit Conference:** attended at NMU. Encouraged all non-profit partners to attend it next year. Day-long workshops; fantastic keynote speaker; vendors that deal with non-profit organizations, Michigan non-profits association.
 - b) **CORE Operations Analysis:** Thanked the Commission for participation.
 - c) **Resource Stewardship Strategy:** Met with Midwest regional office biologist working on regional orders for the Resource Stewardship Strategy. It's getting finalized, they are writing the Developmental Manual for RSSs, and Keweenaw RSS will be one of the models that they use in the departmental manual.

B. COMMISSION REPORTS

1. BUDGET

- a) **Bills to Approve:** include memberships to organizations KNHPAC contributed to last year. (see Index 2 for a list of Bills)

Moved by Dana, seconded by Raasio to approve the payment of bills as presented, deleting the Quincy Mine Hoist Association Board Dues and changing the Keweenaw Convention and Visitor's Bureau from \$100 to \$50.

Motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

- b) **Funding: Statutory Appropriation:** to be considered in an omnibus bill in November.

2. PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE: Langseth, Raasio, Albee, Hoduski and DeLong

- a) **Applications:** eighteen applications were received. Committee met on a number of occasions, reviewed applications. Each member took the applications home, used a scoring system, got back together and compared scores. Five sites were unfamiliar, so they received in-person visits. Subsequently, the committee developed an interim working report which was submitted to the commission for review. Additional ongoing work needs to be completed before a final report can be written and final recommendations for existing sites to be incorporated and recommended for January 2007 Heritage Site program.

3. GRANTS COMMITTEE: Jenich, Johnson and Cone

- a) **Priorities for Funding:** Fundraising concerns: the 501(c)3 is not secure, and the status of the appropriation is up in the air right now also. Looking at ways to get money, give money out, what kind of form to use.

4. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

a) **LANGSETH:**

- 1) Thanked the Gundlach family for its contribution to the community. They put a million dollars in to the Keweenaw Community Foundation.
- 2) Tax Credits: married couples can contribute \$400 a year to the site, and half of it will be a tax credit taken from state income tax. Also a new usage of IRA's: Bush passed a law so that people can take part of IRAs and contribute them directly to a legitimate beneficiary and it does not count as income.
- 3) Article in the *Michigan Township* magazine about a group in Nebraska seeking communities with a population of under 30,000 to install a program to recapture 5% of the wealth transfer from the elderly generation to the future generation to the local community.
- 4) Core Ops meeting last week: he enjoyed attending.
- 5) Planning for the centennial of the NPS (in ten years), as a commission and as a park.

b) **DANA:**

- 1) Oak Street Project is pretty much completed.
- 2) Merchants and Miner's Bank Building project is close to being finished.
- 3) The village just got a notification from the state that it got approval of MCACA Grant, \$50,000 applied for, received \$35,000 for the Calumet Theater. The Village gets frequent calls for the HDC Design Guidelines, which are not complete yet.

c) **RAASIO:**

- 1) **Quincy** buildings along US 41 are being preserved.
- 2) Started installation of the roofing sheeting on the new Seaman Mineral Museum, and hopefully will be enclosed before the snow hits.

- 3) Good article in October issue of National Geographic about National Parks.

d) JOHNSON:

Introduced himself. His career was at MTU in Minerals Research in the last ten years in the Mining Department. He spent much of his time addressing issues of past mining activity (safety, acid mine drainage problems, mine subsidence) in Michigan. Worked for the Michigan DNR on an inventory of abandoned mines, most of which are in the western U.P.

e) HOAGLAND:

- 1) In September National Register Co-ordinator for the State Historic Preservation Office visited to look at potential National Register sites including Mason (submitted last spring). He okayed the proposed boundaries, and it will be on the January agenda of the review board. He also looked at Lake Linden.
- 2) Introduced Scott See working this semester on a project with other partnership parks; how parks relate to advisory commissions and partner sites; comparing KEWE to others for ideas on how to operate.
- 3) Blue Jacket Mitigation Project: some students are doing the mitigation documentation, recording buildings before they are demolished.
- 4) "Key Ingredients Exhibit" is coming next summer, asking for any sites that can do coinciding exhibits on food, food heritage and foodways.

VI. REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM LEGISLATIVE STAFF

- A. Amy Wisti mentioned that the Interior Appropriations Bill had not gone all the way through. Congress is expected to go back into session the week of Nov. 13 to work on appropriation bills. There may be an omnibus bill passed at that time, or they may go back into session in December to work on the bill.
- B. Cherie Davie expressed thanks to Fiala for his leadership to the staff and commission. She said Senator Stabenow wishes the best and would like to be invited to the "Bon Voyage." She wanted to remind Heritage Site partners that the Senator's office and Congressman's office are happy to do letters of support. She hopes that the Senator is still on the Agriculture committee and that they can get her here for the event.
- C. Amy Berglund on behalf of Senator Levin welcomes new members of the Advisory Commission. She commented that Fiala's passion and commitment to the park has been a driving force and will be hard to duplicate, and wished him the best.

VII. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A. Ed Yarbrough, Quincy Mine Hoist Ass'n:

1. Cultural Landscape Report: looks forward to looking with Jo Urion and Steve DeLong on the landscape history.
2. Will be finishing up soon on the Interior Ellis Island Project.
3. Will start work with Ralph Raffaelli and John Haro on new project for the Carnegie Library in Houghton as a future interpretation center.

4. A group of volunteers has been working on the restoration of the No. 5 locomotive, looking forward to the day when it can go back into the roundhouse.
5. Thanked Rosemurgy and Fiala for obtaining the money and Marsden and DeLong for their work on the five company houses, being stewards of the property with meager funds, stabilizing things into the future when perhaps there will be greater monies for restoration.
6. 2007 look forward to opening up a restored, accessorized kitchen as part of the "Key Ingredients" Exhibit.
7. Will be coming out with "New Perspectives," a collection of essays from the Copper Country Homecoming symposium edited by Kim Hoagland, Erik Nordberg and Terry Reynolds in November.
8. Will be open for tours for the first winter ever. Hours will be Wed. – Sat., 12 – 6, with two tours per day starting day after Thanksgiving.

B. Bill Fink encouraged an alliance with Eastern National Parks and Monument Association.

C. Jim Lowell, Calumet Theater big project has been fundraising for the new curtain, \$20,000 project. Thanks the park for hosting the archives group. Memberships are increasing. If one charts the revenues from ticket sales, one can see a steady improvement, in the past five years, from a net loss to a net gain. Will support '07 Key Ingredients and Cornish gathering.

D. Paul Lehto mentioned new lights in the Heritage Center, giving it 5000W of power in preparation for the Smithsonian Exhibit next summer.

E. John Haro on the Carnegie Library in Houghton: Renaissance Revival architecture. Felt it was too good a building to not be kept as a public building. Went to Scott MacInness to suggest a way to keep it open, and it is now going to become a venue for the Dee Collection of photographs, the Raffaelli Collection, which needs a place to archive the materials and display some of them. Within the next few weeks they will begin to set up a limited display during winter months. The full exhibit will go back to Dee Stadium in the summer. The Suzuki musical group has agreed to occupy the lower children's library area for practice and performance space and the Genealogical Society will also occupy some space in the lower level as well. Perhaps it could qualify to house traveling exhibits from larger art museums. Working to secure funding in the next six months.

F. Bruce Johanson UP Engineering and Architects is working on lighthouse assistance in Ontonagon. Lighthouse attendance was up this year. Will be having an all-day lockdown session with their Board of Directors and they won't leave until they have their three-year strategic plan. Open all year, with lighthouse tours all winter by appointment. Open house coming up Dec. 2 at 6:00 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT; NEXT MEETING

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Albee to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously (7/0)

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on January 23, 2006 at St. Anne's Heritage Center.

These unapproved minutes are respectfully submitted by:

Melissa Davis - November 6, 2006

Index 1

24 October 2006

Division of Museum, Archives & Historical Services UPDATE

Prepared by Abby Sue Fisher

Highlights

1. The fire suppression system installation in the Keweenaw History Center is just about complete. Meanwhile we just reviewed designs for a first floor restroom and boiler replacement. We have been challenged getting our year- end reports done due to the construction disruption. Consequently, I'll get our division year-end accomplishment report to you within the next two weeks.
2. Despite being closed to the public since June we have provided research services to 69 individuals this year, and the museum collections were visited by KEWE staff (other than division staff) 71 times.
3. This week wraps up our 2006 Fourth Thursday in History season. On October 26th Dave Jaehing will be talking about Mining the Isle Royale Lode. The talk takes place at the Houghton High School auditorium, which was the former site of the Isle Royale Mining Company. Soon we'll meet to put our 2007 programs together. We have plans to focus on food to coincide with the Smithsonian traveling exhibit Key Ingredients which will be in the Copper Country next summer.
4. Our fall was exceptionally busy with a NPS planning process called Core Operations. Each person on staff had to prepare activity sheets documenting how they spend their time each year. I then consolidated the individual sheets into a division report.
5. Jeremiah Mason is now on staff full time as our professional archivist which is a huge relief to us as he will take the lead for providing reference services. He and Brian Hodusky are taking the lead with my help for a two-day workshop we're holding this week on How to Process Archival Collections.
6. Brian Hodusky has also been very active helping with the Heritage Site visits and review of applications.
7. Jo Urion has been busy working with Steve DeLong on the history portion of the Cultural Landscape Report for the Quincy Unit. She's also wrapping up this year's oral history project which yielded 23 completed transcriptions.
8. We purchased furniture for our reading room in July, but are still waiting to receive the tables (which should be here any day)—and to deal with chairs that were not up to the craftsmanship we thought to have purchased. The Ross Reading Room is set up with our reference library and periodicals from professional organizations and journals.
9. Since the last meeting, I prepared a Proposed Operational Strategy for a Multi-Park Museum Collection Storage Facility at the park. I did send a copy to Kim for the Advisory Commission. The proposal was meant to be a starting place for discussions about how a facility housing collections from 4 parks would operation. The reviews are

still coming in. My goal is to submit a project statement for a multi-park Collection Management Plan/Value Analysis/Collection Storage plan that would provide base-line data.

10. That said, our Servicewide Comprehensive Call recently opened and we will start to delve into that after we submit our Collection Management Report, our Checklist for the Preservation and Protection of Collections, our National Catalog entries, performance plans, and upcoming annual work plans.
11. Another annual task for us is inventory of our collections. We assisted Isle Royale with their inventory on the island and the mainland, and completed our inventory after the contractors installed the suppression system in our storage area.
12. Kit Murley, who was our Student Career Experience Program employee for 4 seasons, took a teaching job in Minneapolis just one week after she was converted to full time permanent-subject to furlough. As a result, I am busy with more paperwork to hire a Museum Technician.
13. There are many more details along with our ongoing collection work, but these will be outlined in our accomplishment report. We are thrilled to have Stuart Baird back with us for 24 hours a week through the Experience Works program. He was working with Joseph Mihal at Coppertown this summer but helps us with our collections in the winter.

Index #2

KNHPAC Bills to Approve and Annual Memberships

10-24-06 Bills to Approve:

Melissa Davis	Oct. 2006 Minutes	160.00
Gray & Pape	Prof serv. August	3,959.64
MI Dept of Labor	Nonprofit Application	10.00
IRS	"	500.00
Kathryn Eckert	Travel Reimbursement Aug. Meeting	719.62

Memberships (each \$50.00)

Calumet Theater
Chassell Historical Society
Coppertown
Houghton County Historical Society
Isle Royale Natural History Association
Keweenaw County Historical Society
Keweenaw Convention and Visitors Bureau
Keweenaw Heritage Center
Norwegian Lutheran Church
Ontonagon Historical Society
Friends of the Porkies
Quincy Mine Hoist Association
UP Firefighter Memorial Museum